

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal for transmitting and receiving information to and from the portable terminal, the information including voice data and image data, the portable terminal comprising:

a main body, the main body including a casing and a display surrounded by the casing, the display configured to display various information including information associated with the voice data and information associated with the image data;

an image pickup unit having an optical system and an image pickup element, for picking up an image of a subject; and

a pivot mechanism for supporting said image pickup unit, said image pickup unit being allowed to freely pivot centered on at least two axes with respect to said main body.

2. (Previously Presented) The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein said image pickup unit is non-detachably housed in said main body.

3. (Original) The portable terminal according to claim 1, further comprising:

a driving section for allowing said image pickup unit to pivot centered on at least two axes; and

an input section for receiving inputs of at least two parameters as operation inputs of a pivotal operation of said image pickup unit.

4. (Original) The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein said image pickup unit is directed to a front face side and a rear face side of said main body.

5. (Original) The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein said image pickup unit is allowed to pivot centered on an axis parallel to a light axis of said optical system by said pivot mechanism.

6. (Currently Amended) The portable terminal according to claim ~~1~~ 3, further comprising:

a switching section for switching operation modes between an image pickup mode for allowing said input section to receive said operation inputs with respect to said image pickup unit and a communication mode for allowing said input section to receive an operation input related to information communication.

7. (Previously Presented) The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein a pair of said image pickup units and a pair of said pivot mechanisms are installed.

8. (Original) The portable terminal according to claim 3, further comprising:

a section for detecting a position of a specific subject in said image; and

a section for controlling said driving section so as to place said specific subject virtually in a center of said image.

9. (Original) The portable terminal according to claim 3, wherein:

said input section comprises:

a disc-shaped rotation member that is rotatively driven;

a section for detecting an amount of rotation of said rotation member;

a section for detecting a force in a first direction given to said rotation member; and

a section for detecting a force in a second direction given to said rotation member,

wherein two parameters included in said at least two parameters are inputted as said amount of rotation detected together with a detection of said force in said first direction and as said amount of rotation detected together with a detection of said force in said second direction.

10. (New) A portable terminal operable in an image pickup mode for acquiring an image and a communication mode for communicating information with an other portable terminal, the information including voice data and image data, the portable terminal comprising:

a main body;

an image pickup unit having an optical system and an image pickup element, for picking up an image of a subject;

a pivot mechanism for supporting said image pickup unit, said image pickup unit being allowed to freely pivot centered on at least two axes with respect to said main body; and

an input member provided at the main body of the portable terminal and which receives pivotal operation inputs to the image pickup unit in the image pickup mode, said input member receiving operation inputs related to information communications in the communication mode.

11. (New) The portable terminal as claimed in claim 10, wherein said input member including a jog dial, a joy stick, a track ball and a track pad.

12. (New) The portable terminal as claimed in claim 10, wherein the input member receives operation inputs related to an input of a telephone number in the communication mode.

13. (New) The portable terminal as claimed in claim 10, wherein the input telephone to receive operation inputs with respect to the image pickup unit and a communication mode for allowing the input section of the telephone to receive operation inputs related to information communication, according to whether the camera is attached to or detached from the display module 505.